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Serial No. 10/682,592	Filing Date October 8, 2003	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 3661
Inventor(s) Gregory T. Thompson et al.			
Title of Invention WET SEAT PROTECTION FOR AIR BAG CONTROL OCCUPANT DETECTION			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Copy of the EP Search Report, PTO Form-1449, 5 Cited References, and return post card.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.

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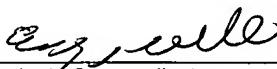
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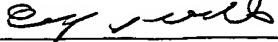
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are

enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Also enclosed is an EP Search Report.

The relevance of any non-English references is based on the search report.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/033,585, filed November 2, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 10/033,585 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in  
the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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	B1 DE 198 26 391 A1	23.12.99	Germany		No
	B2 DE 196 34 370 A1	05.03.98	Germany		No
	B3 EP 1 236 609 A1	01.03.2002	EP		Yes
	B4 JP 2001-21520	26.01.2001	Japan		English Abstract
	B5 JP-07270541	20.10.1995	Japan		English Abstract

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	

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